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INFO	LOG-00	AF-01	AID-01	CIAE-00	C-01	OASY-00	DOEE-00
	EB-01	OIGO-01	HA-09	H-01	TEDE-00	INR-00	IO-16
	LAB-01	L-01	ADS-00	NSAE-00	NSCE-00	OIC-02	OMB-01
	PA-01	PM-00	PRS-01	P-01	RP-10	SCT-03	SNP-00
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FM AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 6327
INFO AMEMBASSY KIGALI IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY BUJUMBURA IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY PARIS IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY KAMPALA IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY NAIROBI IMMEDIATE
JCS WASHDC//J4//J5//IMMEDIATE
SECDEF WASHDC//OASD/ISP//IMMEDIATE
USEUCOM VAIHINGEN GE//J3/J4/BATTLE STAFF//IMMEDIATE
CINTRANS SCOTT AFB IL//J3/J4//IMMEDIATE
CINCUSAFE RAMSTEIN AB GE//CC/DC/IN IMMEDIATE
DIA WASHDC//IMMEDIATE

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SUBJECT: FURTHER FROM BELGIAN MFA ON SITUATION IN RWANDA

REF: A) FEDRICK-JOHNSON TECONS OF 4/7

1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. AS PASSED TO AF/C IN REFCONS, MFA OFFICIAL IN CLAES' CABINET TOLD POLCOUNS AT 5:45 PM APRIL 7 THAT THE BELGIANS HAD BEEN OUT OF TELEX TOUCH WITH THEIR EMBASSY IN RWANDA THROUGHOUT THE CURRENT CRISIS AS THE EMBASSY TELEX PERSON WAS ONE OF THE PEOPLE WHO WAS CAUGHT AT THE AIRPORT. THE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE
REVIEW AUTHORITY: ARCHIE M BOLSTER
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MFA WAS GETTING SOME INFORMATION BY PHONE, WHICH INCLUDED:

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--AT LEAST 12 BELGIAN SOLDIERS WERE NOW UNACCOUNTED FOR. (POLCOUNS SAID AF/C HAD HEARD FROM UN SOURCES THAT TWO BELGIAN SOLDIERS HAD BEEN KILLED. MFA OFFICIAL SAID HE COULD NOT/NOT CONFIRM THAT FROM HIS OWN SOURCES OR FROM THE UN SO FAR.)

--THE BELGIANS NO LONGER CONTROL THE C-130 AT THE AIRPORT. THEY LEFT IT TO TRY TO GET BACK TO KIGALI AND THE EMBASSY. THE GROUP TRYING TO GET BACK TO THE MISSION HAD BEEN STOPPED AT THE FIRST ROADBLOCK ON THE WAY BACK TO KIGALI.

--A NEW CHIEF OF STAFF HAD APPARENTLY BEEN APPOINTED WHOM THE BELGIANS KNOW AND LIKE. BUT THEY DO NOT KNOW WHAT AUTHORITY HE HAS. THE GENDARMERIE HAS APPARENTLY REMAINED LOYAL TO THE REGIME.

--MOST WORRISOMELY, THE BELGIANS HAVE HAD SOME REPORTS
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THAT TUTSI FROM THE CAMPS HAVE LEFT THEM AND ENGAGED IN FIGHTING WITH THE PRESIDENTIAL GUARD WHICH COULD INDICATE THAT THE FIGHTING WOULD SPREAD.

3. AS TO THE STATE OF BELGIAN PLANNING IN THIS EMERGENCY, THE MFA OFFICIAL SAID THAT DOMINIQUE STRUYE (DIPLOMATIC ADVISER TO THE PM) HAD BEEN IN TOUCH WITH CLAES IN BUCHAREST. ANY DECISIONS WOULD HAVE TO COME FROM THE PRIME MINISTER, FOREIGN MINISTER AND DEFENSE MINISTER. THE MFA OFFICIAL STRESSED THAT THEY HAD AS YET TAKEN NO/NO DECISION TO START EVACUATION PLANNING.

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THE BELGIANS WONDERED IF THOUGHT WERE BEING GIVEN TO A UNSC MEETING ON THIS SUBJECT. ORDINARILY, THE COUNTRY WOULD CALL FOR SUCH A MEETING. IN THIS CASE, IT WAS NOT CLEAR WHO WOULD MAKE SUCH A CALL.

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